

(B) Packing Group II: SG × 1.0 m (3.3 feet).

(C) Packing Group III: SG × 0.67 m (2.2 feet).

(e) *Criteria for passing the test.* For all intermediate bulk container design types there may be no loss of contents. A slight discharge from a closure upon impact is not considered to be a failure of the intermediate bulk container provided that no further leakage occurs. A slight discharge (e.g., from closures or stitch holes) upon impact is not considered a failure of the flexible intermediate bulk container provided that no further leakage occurs after the intermediate bulk container has been raised clear of the ground.

§ 178.811 Bottom lift test.

(a) *General.* The bottom lift test must be conducted for the qualification of all intermediate bulk container design types designed to be lifted from the base.

(b) *Special preparation for the bottom lift test.* The intermediate bulk container must be loaded to 1.25 times its maximum permissible gross mass, the load being evenly distributed.

(c) *Test method.* All intermediate bulk container design types must be raised and lowered twice by a lift truck with the forks centrally positioned and spaced at three quarters of the dimension of the side of entry (unless the points of entry are fixed). The forks must penetrate to three quarters of the direction of entry. The test must be repeated from each possible direction of entry.

(d) *Criteria for passing the test.* For all intermediate bulk container design types designed to be lifted from the base, there may be no permanent deformation which renders the intermediate bulk container unsafe for transportation and no loss of contents.

§ 178.812 Top lift test.

(a) *General.* The top lift test must be conducted for the qualification of all intermediate bulk container design types designed to be lifted from the top or, for flexible intermediate bulk containers, from the side.

(b) *Special preparation for the top lift test.* (1) Metal, rigid plastic, and composite intermediate bulk container de-

sign types must be loaded to twice the maximum permissible gross mass.

(2) Flexible intermediate bulk container design types must be filled to six times the maximum net mass, the load being evenly distributed.

(c) *Test method.* (1) A metal or flexible intermediate bulk container must be lifted in the manner for which it is designed until clear of the floor and maintained in that position for a period of five minutes. For flexible intermediate bulk container design types, other methods of top lift testing and preparation at least equally effective may be used (see § 178.801(i)).

(2) Rigid plastic and composite intermediate bulk container design types must be:

(i) Lifted by each pair of diagonally opposite lifting devices, so that the hoisting forces are applied vertically, for a period of five minutes; and

(ii) Lifted by each pair of diagonally opposite lifting devices, so that the hoisting forces are applied towards the center at 45° to the vertical, for a period of five minutes.

(d) *Criteria for passing the test.* For all intermediate bulk container design types designed to be lifted from the top, there may be no permanent deformation which renders the intermediate bulk container, including the base pallets when applicable, unsafe for transportation, and no loss of contents.

§ 178.813 Leakproofness test.

(a) *General.* The leakproofness test must be conducted for the qualification of all intermediate bulk container design types and on all production units intended to contain liquids or intended to contain solids that are loaded or discharged under pressure.

(b) *Special preparation for the leakproofness test.* Vented closures must either be replaced by similar non-vented closures or the vent must be sealed. For metal intermediate bulk container design types, the initial test must be carried out before the fitting of any thermal insulation equipment. The inner receptacle of a composite intermediate bulk container may be tested without the outer packaging provided the test results are not affected.

(c) *Test method and pressure applied.* The leakproofness test must be carried

out for a suitable length of time using air at a gauge pressure of not less than 20 kPa (2.9 psig). Leakproofness of intermediate bulk container design types must be determined by coating the seams and joints with a heavy oil, a soap solution and water, or other methods suitable for the purpose of detecting leaks. Other methods, if at least equally effective, may be used in accordance with appendix B of this part, or if approved by the Associate Administrator for Hazardous Materials Safety, as provided in § 178.801(i)).

(d) *Criterion for passing the test.* For all intermediate bulk container design types intended to contain liquids or intended to contain solids that are loaded or discharged under pressure, there may be no leakage of air from the intermediate bulk container.

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§ 178.814 Hydrostatic pressure test.

(a) *General.* The hydrostatic pressure test must be conducted for the qualification of all metal, rigid plastic, and composite intermediate bulk container design types intended to contain liquids or intended to contain solids loaded or discharged under pressure.

(b) *Special preparation for the hydrostatic pressure test.* For metal intermediate bulk containers, the test must be carried out before the fitting of any thermal insulation equipment. For all intermediate bulk containers, pressure relief devices and vented closures must be removed and their apertures plugged or rendered inoperative.

(c) *Test method.* Hydrostatic gauge pressure must be measured at the top of the intermediate bulk container. The test must be carried out for a period of at least 10 minutes applying a hydrostatic gauge pressure not less than that indicated in paragraph (d) of this section. The intermediate bulk containers may not be mechanically restrained during the test.

(d) *Hydrostatic gauge pressure applied.*

(1) For metal intermediate bulk container design types, 31A, 31B, 31N: 65 kPa gauge pressure (9.4 psig).

(2) For metal intermediate bulk container design types 21A, 21B, 21N, 31A, 31B, 31N: 200 kPa (29 psig). For metal intermediate bulk container design

types 31A, 31B and 31N, the tests in paragraphs (d)(1) and (d)(2) of this section must be conducted consecutively.

(3) For metal intermediate bulk containers design types 21A, 21B, and 21N, for Packing Group I solids: 250 kPa (36 psig) gauge pressure.

(4) For rigid plastic intermediate bulk container design types 21H1 and 21H2 and composite intermediate bulk container design types 21HZ1 and 21HZ2: 75 kPa (11 psig).

(5) For rigid plastic intermediate bulk container design types 31H1 and 31H2 and composite intermediate bulk container design types 31HZ1 and 31HZ2: whichever is the greater of:

(i) The pressure determined by any one of the following methods:

(A) The gauge pressure (pressure in the intermediate bulk container above ambient atmospheric pressure) measured in the intermediate bulk container at 55 °C (131 °F) multiplied by a safety factor of 1.5. This pressure must be determined on the basis of the intermediate bulk container being filled and closed to no more than 98 percent capacity at 15 °C (60 °F);

(B) If absolute pressure (vapor pressure of the hazardous material plus atmospheric pressure) is used, 1.5 multiplied by the vapor pressure of the hazardous material at 55 °C (131 °F) minus 100 kPa (14.5 psi). If this method is chosen, the hydrostatic test pressure applied must be at least 100 kPa gauge pressure (14.5 psig); or

(C) If absolute pressure (vapor pressure of the hazardous material plus atmospheric pressure) is used, 1.75 multiplied by the vapor pressure of the hazardous material at 50 °C (122 °F) minus 100 kPa (14.5 psi). If this method is chosen, the hydrostatic test pressure applied must be at least 100 kPa gauge pressure (14.5 psig); or

(ii) Twice the greater of: (A) The static pressure of the hazardous material on the bottom of the intermediate bulk container filled to 98 percent capacity; or

(B) The static pressure of water on the bottom of the intermediate bulk container filled to 98 percent capacity.

(e) *Criteria for passing the test(s).* (1) For metal intermediate bulk containers, subjected to the 65 kPa (9.4